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## Minimum Physical Plant Standards for **PHYSICIAN OWNED - SINGLE SPECIALITY AMBULATORY SURGICAL TREATMENT CENTERS**

**CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE CLINICAL PORTION OF A PHYSICIAN OWNED - SINGLE SPECIALTY  
AMBULATORY SURGICAL TREATMENT CENTER ARE NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW.**

### **THE SURGICAL SUITE**

The Surgical Suite shall be arranged to prohibit non related traffic through the suite and shall be designed to move the patient from reception to pre-op, procedure, recovery and finally to discharge without interaction between the pre-op and post-op patients. The surgical suite shall be physically separated from the clinical portion of the office by walls in accordance with N.F.P.A. 101 (one hour firewall may be required) and shall include all of the following spaces:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) A **Waiting Room** shall be provided for the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center separate from the clinical waiting room. A covered entrance for pick up of patients after surgery shall be provided.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) **Pre-Operative preparation room(s)**. (Exam and waiting space for patients prior to surgery.)
  - a) Staff work area with hand washing facilities.
  - b) Patient cubicles with privacy curtains or individual rooms. (Minimum recommended size of 80 S.F.).
  - c) Patient dressing area and toilet shall be convenient to Pre-Op and may be shared with PACU.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) **Operating room(s)**. (Size shall be dependent on the level of care as defined by the American College of Surgeons.)
  - a) Scrub facilities shall be located outside the entrance to the operating room(s).
  - b) Sub Sterile work areas, if provided, shall be adjacent to the operating room(s).
  - c) HVAC design shall comply with the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) **Recovery room**, shall be separate from Pre-Op areas, and contain the following areas.
  - a) Staff work area with hand washing facilities.
  - b) Patient cubicles with a minimum recommended size of 80 S.F. per patient exclusive of work and circulation space.
  - c) Individual rooms shall be a minimum of 120 S.F. and shall contain hand washing facilities.
  - d) Medication preparation station.
  - e) Nourishment station.
  - f) Patient dressing area and toilet shall be convenient to recovery and may be shared with Pre-Op.
  - g) A step-down recovery lounge may be provided for those patients requiring additional recovery time prior to discharge. Hand washing facilities and Patient toilet shall be included.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) **Staff toilet(s)** and **Changing room(s)** shall be provided for the exclusive use of the surgical staff.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) A **Soiled Workroom** shall be provided and be physically separated from all other areas.
  - a) Work space shall be provided to handle the cleaning and terminal sterilization of all medical/surgical instruments and equipment. The soiled workroom shall contain work tables, sinks, flush type devices, and washer/sterilizer decontaminators and other decontamination equipment as appropriate to the functional program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) A **Clean Workroom** for storage and assembly of supplies used in surgical procedures shall be provided.
  - a) This room shall contain handwashing facilities, work space, and equipment for terminal sterilizing of medical and surgical equipment and supplies.
  - b) Clean and Soiled workrooms shall be physically separated. Pass through sterilizers are permitted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) Enclosed **Storage** facilities for sterile supplies and equipment shall be provided.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9) A **Housekeeping** room shall be provided for the exclusive use of the surgical suite.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10) Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing systems shall comply with Section 9.5.I, 9.5.J, 9.5.K & 9.5.L of the 2001 edition of the "Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities."

These standards have been compiled with reference to the following sources.

**Rules and Regulations Chapter 290-5-33 Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers**

(Please contact the Health Care Section of the Office of Regulatory Services at (404) 657-5550 for a copy.

**Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities 2001 Edition**

(As published by the American Institute of Architects.)

**Interpretive guidelines and survey procedures - Ambulatory Surgical Services**

(As published by Medicare)

**National Fire Protection Association N.F.P.A. 101**

(As enforced by the State Fire Marshal's Office, (404) 656-7087.)